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And there shall be no Night there; and they need no Candle, neither Light of the Sun, for the Lord God giveth them Light, and they shall reign forever and ever.—Rev., 22-5.

"Make All the Trouble We Can For Local Coal Mine Operators," appears to be the motto of the Carbon county court house ring.

Lincoln G. Kelly, present auditor, aspires to be secretary of state for Utah. There was never a more deserving young man nor a cleaner politician in any party anywhere than Lincoln G. Kelly.

Carbon and Emery counties will not come into their old prosperity until the coal mines are working better. The present depression is entirely due to a democratic administration at Washington, D. C.

Unquestionably the greatest single edition of a newspaper ever put out in Utah is this year's Christmas number of the Deseret Evening News, issued last Saturday, and comprising one hundred and twenty pages, not including the more than handsome cover of eight pages. The edition completely covers the states of Utah and Idaho, besides much surrounding territory. From a literary and typographical standpoint it would

be difficult to excel. The News management is to be congratulated upon the excellence of the number.

If this man Mudge is responsible for the present passenger train schedule of the Denver and Rio Grande through Price, then most of us wouldn't care if his private business car and himself went off on an embankment a second time and remained there. Seriously, The Sun imagines it would be difficult to figure out a more abominable service than this section of Eastern Utah has had to put up with since a week ago last Sunday, when the winter time card went into effect. Business men and others at Price are protesting to the general offices at Denver, Colo., as they have just cause for doing.

Here's one from Myton's Free Press of Thursday of last week that ought to bring the blush of shame to "the powers that be" at the national capital: "The Indian department at Washington has authorized Albert H. Knaale, agent at Fort Duchesne, to insert a full page advertisement in the Christmas edition of the Deseret News. Is it not strange that the department does not spend a little money with the Utah Basin newspapers, which are continually and everlastingly printing column after column and page after page of advertising matter about the Indian lands?"

Under the headline of "The Under Dog," a gentleman by the name of Louis N. Shanks, whom The Sun does not know, but would like to meet personally, contributed this paragraph to Myton's Free Press: "It is strange how much matter the Reservation (Myton) News is publishing tending to show that Major Myton should be convicted of murder in the first degree for shooting an Industrial Worker of the World, when the editor of the News don't believe in capital punishment. It looks as if he loses his faith in capital punishment only when some of his anarchistic proteges are arrested, but when anyone has a charge filed against him who believes in the enforcement of law and order and is willing to help enforce it himself if necessary, as in the case of Major Myton, the theory of the Reservation News seems to be 'down with his meat house.' The tender sympathies of the News seem to be awakened only when some of his 'under dogs' are caught and the process of extracting some of their fangs is necessitated."

UTAH'S INCOME IS SWELLED BY GRAIN

By an increase of nine hundred and forty-five thousand bushels the income from Utah's wheat crop of 1915 was swollen to a total of \$113,700 in excess of that of 1914, according to figures furnished in the government crop report issued last Friday from the office of the United States weather bureau. In the total acreage planted to grain and hay there was an increase of twenty-five thousand acres, though of the actual amount planted to hay there was a decrease of twelve thousand acres. Much of this hay land is thought to have been planted to beets and horticultural crops, the returns on which do not yet show in the crop report.

Passes Seven Millions

With wheat selling at eighty-six cents a bushel on December 1st of both years, the 1914 production of 7,775,000 bushels shows a valuation of \$6,795,500, while the output of 8,220,000 this year shows a valuation of \$7,069,200. The corn crop of 447,000 bushels this year exceeded the crop of 420,000 bushels of last year by twenty-two thousand bushels. Selling at seventy-five cents a bushel, the crop of last year was worth \$315,000 while the crop this year at eighty cents a bushel amounted to a value of \$337,600, showing an increase of \$22,600.

Oats Show Falling Off

Cattle show a falling off in production of fifty thousand bushels between the 4,750,000 bushels of last year and the 4,700,000 of this year, though at forty-five cents a bushel this year the crop was worth \$2,115,000, as compared to a total value of \$2,025,000 for the 1914 crop, selling at forty-three cents, showing an increase of \$90,000 in the income from the oats crop. The output of barley resulted the same this year as last, 1,440,000 bushels, though a rise in price from fifty cents a bushel last year to fifty-two cents a bushel this year resulted in an increase in cash returns of \$75,000 from the barley crop. With a production of 202,000 bushels, selling at sixty-five cents a bushel, the rye crop for this year amounted to \$131,300, while in 1914 the output of 228,000 at sixty cents amounted to \$136,800, showing a decrease in cash value of \$5,500 only, though there was an actual decrease of twenty-six thousand bushels in the production.

Potato Crop Decreases

From the potato crop of 2,800,000 bushels in 1914 the crop of 2,100,000 bushels this year was a decrease of 700,000 bushels, last year's crop selling at sixty cents a bushel and amounting to \$1,680,000, according to the \$1,260,000 value of this year's crop at sixty-three cents by \$420,000. With a decrease of twelve thousand acres in the acreage devoted to hay raising, the difference between 400,000 in 1914 and 384,000 in 1915, the crop decreased by 160,000 tons, the difference between 1,116,000 tons in 1914 and 956,000 tons in 1915.

At \$7.70 a ton, the 1914 crop was worth \$7,392,200, while the 1915 crop at eight dollars a ton amounted to \$7,888,000, showing a decrease in the value of the hay crop of \$504,200.

ESTIMATES ARE MADE ON THE WINTER WHEAT CROP

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Next year's winter wheat crop was estimated today by the department of agriculture at about 840,000,000 bushels. That would be 115,000,000 bushels less than the winter wheat

harvest this season, but approximately 100,000,000 bushels more than the average of the five years, 1909-13. In announcing its first report on winter wheat and rye, the department made this statement:

"The average sown to winter wheat this autumn is estimated at 27,254,000 acres, which compares with 26,912,000 acres sown a year ago; 27,124,000 two years ago and an average yearly acreage of 22,444,000 acres in the preceding five years. The reduction from the unusually large acreage of last year is due partly to unfavorable weather for seedling, tangled condition of corn on land which otherwise would have been sown to wheat, some fear of the Hessian fly, and to large supplies of wheat on hand.

"Generally the Southern States and the Rocky Mountain States further increased their acreage, but the principal winter wheat states decreased largely their acreage.

"The condition of the crop on December 1st was slightly below the average for that date and forecasts a production of about 840,000,000 bushels, assuming average changes in condition from now until August. The production of winter wheat in the past season was estimated at 855,555,000 bushels; two years ago, 884,899,000 bushels and the average of the preceding five years, 811,920,000 bushels.

Potato Quarantine Modified

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The federal quarantine against shipments from foreign countries of Irish potatoes affected with powdery scab was removed today by an order of the department of agriculture effective January 1st. Canadian potatoes may be shipped into the United States without certification under an arrangement with the Canadian minister of agriculture. Inspection at ports of entry of potatoes from other countries will continue.

HIGHER FIGURE ON WOOL PREDICTED

Optimism concerning the chances for high wool prices next year is expressed by R. W. McClure, secretary of the National Woolgrowers' association. Reports that German buyers have been buying heavily in the wool market in the past two weeks.

The Shortage Was Foreseen

"Word from all the Eastern wool centers indicates that the market for territory wool has been very active during the past week, and prices have moved up a shade in response to the increased demand in Boston and Philadelphia. In all foreign markets good wool is stronger now than at any time since the war began. By reason of the machinery being located in Belgium and Germany that in the past consumed a large part of the inferior wools, and this machinery not now being in operation, those wools are not in very great demand, nor have there been any advance in the price of those during the last two or three months. The Australian drought, which prevailed this year, is going to reduce the wool clip of that country probably two hundred million tons, and such wools

as Australia does produce will not be up to their usual standard.

"It is therefore clear that during the coming season the world will experience an actual shortage of good wool. Unless some unforeseen event occurs, this is going to mean higher prices for Western wool than those which prevailed this year. For some reason, which we are unable to understand, German buyers have been taking up a large part of the South American wool clip. When American buyers recently went to the Argentine to begin their purchase of wool for the coming season, they found that the Germans had beaten them to it and already had contracted on the sheep's back a large part of the Argentine clip.

German Intent Holding It

"It is not known whether Germany is actually able to import wool at this time, but it is generally supposed that she is not. Therefore the purchase of this large amount of wool is taken to indicate that the Germans intend to hold it until after the war is over, so as to have an available supply. This would indicate that the Germans think that the war will close before another year and be followed by a material advance in the price of wool.

"American buyers are very active in the Australian wool market, and it is thought by some that they are simply speculating. In response to American buying wools have moved up several cents in Australia. There are those on this side who believe that American buyers will purchase a large proportion of the Australian clip and hold it until the close of the war.

"It is reported in this country that German buyers have contracted for fifty million pounds of American wool, to be delivered at the close of hostilities. Whether these surmises are correct or not, something has materially strengthened the wool market in the past two weeks."

"The conservative attitude of McClure in regard to price predictions is noticeable, as is the fact that his most liberal estimates as to high prices are reached and slightly passed by the action of the market before the season of purchasing throughout the Western country closed. While his attitude on the prospects for next year are expressed in a conservative manner, as usual, the fact remains that McClure has said that there are indications of good prices next year.

WOOL PRICES ARE ADVANCING; MANY BUYERS IN EVIDENCE

Reports from the Eastern wool market received by R. W. McClure, secretary of the National Woolgrowers' association, indicate advancing prices with wools moving fast. It is felt assured that when January inventories taken, less wool will be found on hand than last year at this time. American buyers who went to South America not long ago found that German purchasers had contracted already for 50 per cent of Argentina's wool. American buyers are taking everything offered in the Australian market, the occasion being said to be anticipation of advanced prices later.

Sheep Commissioners Invited

The various boards of sheep commissioners have been asked to meet in Salt Lake City during the coming convention of the National Woolgrowers' association to consider ways and means to make as uniform as possible state regulations concerning the interstate movement of sheep from one grazing land to another.

It is also urged by officers of the National Woolgrowers' association that boards of sheep commissioners may render valuable services by taking up the coyote destruction work and other matters of similar interest and importance.

DRIVING COYOTES FROM THE STATE

MOST SUCCESSFUL PLAN ADOPTED OVER IN WYOMING.

Number Reduced Twenty Per Cent In One County In Single Year—Joint Efforts of Sheepmen and Forestry Service Needed, However, According to Haiser Who Tells the Story.

How the sheepowners of one county in Wyoming reduced the number of coyotes by 20 per cent in a single year and saved about seven thousand dollars over the amount spent in heavy losses was told by J. D. Nohout of Cheyenne, Wyo., former president of the Lincoln County (Wyo.) Woolgrowers' association, at Salt Lake City last Saturday.

"It is all a matter of determination and the carrying out of a liberal policy," says Nohout, who is to speak on the subject at the coming sessions of the National Woolgrowers' association at Reno.

"First we had bills passed by the legislature enlarging the appropriations for bounties to secure their being paid when due. This encouraged sustained effort. The legislature made it possible to levy special assessments on live stock for the eradication of beasts of prey. As this put the burden upon the interests benefited, there was no opposition from the farmers. In addition to the county association bounties, the individual woolgrowers owning adjoining land have formed local organizations. From three to four grovers get together and employ trappers jointly to operate especially during the fall grazing season on the lambing grounds.

"We operate with dogs, greyhounds, stagbonds and bloodhounds, with practical trapping methods and with poison the first three months of the year. Our association was formed in 1904. The state bounty on coyotes is \$1.50. In the sheep grazing districts the association pays an additional bounty of \$2.50. Coyotes get from three dollars to five dollars on the market, thus bringing the value of the animal to the trapper up to eight or nine dollars.

"Until recently in Lincoln county, half of which is sheep country, we used to lose from six thousand to seven thousand sheep a year from coyote depredations on our stock, which amounted to about one hundred and seventy thousand head. This has been reduced 20 per cent in the immediate sheep territory. Co-operation, however, is necessary between the sheepmen, the forestry service and all others in surrounding territory.

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IN THE JUSTICE'S COURT IN AND FOR Price, a Municipal Corporation, County of Carbon, State of Utah, before A. J. Lee, City Justice of the Peace.—A. G. Guthrie and W. C. Brooker, co-partners doing business as Guthrie-Brooker Auto company, plaintiffs, vs. M. M. Reeves, defendant.—Summons. The state of Utah to the above named defendant: You are hereby summoned to appear before the above entitled court within ten days after the service of this summons upon you, if served within the county in which this action is brought, otherwise, within twenty days after this service, and defend the above entitled action brought against you to recover the sum of \$30.00 and costs of suit, upon an account for labor and supplies furnished defendant by plaintiffs, between the 10th day of July, A. D. 1915, and the 23d day of August, A. D. 1915, both dates inclusive, at defendant's request. And in case of your failure to do so, judgment will be rendered against you according to the demand of the complaint. A. J. Lee, City Justice of the Peace. P. B. Woods, Attorney for Plaintiffs, Price, Utah.

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NOTICE OF SALE ON FORECLOSURE—In the District Court of the Seventh Judicial District of the State of Utah in and For Carbon County, Alice Hoffmann, Plaintiff, vs. M. M. Reeves, Mary A. Reeves and Charles E. Longaker, Defendants. Sheriff's Sale. To be sold at sheriff's sale on the 27th day of December, 1915, at 2 o'clock p. m., at the front door of the court house at Price, county of Carbon, state of Utah, the following described property, to-wit: The Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 4, Township 15 South, Range 10 East, Salt Lake meridian, together with forty shares of water stock in Price River Irrigation company represented by Certificate No. 687, the water represented thereby having been applied and used on the land above described. Terms of sale cash. W. K. HENRY, Sheriff. L. O. Hoffmann, Attorney for the Plaintiff. Dated, December 2, 1915.

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HOLDS OUT HOPE FOR MINE CODE

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 18.—Senator Reed Smoot of Utah was a principal speaker at the American Mining congress, which convened Friday. He dwelt on the unsatisfactory conditions of the present mining laws and explained the bill to rectify and modify them which he has introduced in congress and which will probably be introduced by the mining congress. C. H. Gibbs and J. E. Meyer of the Utah chapter are in attendance at the congress. Senator Smoot said in part:

"For at least twelve years past there has been a pronounced discontent with the present code of mining laws. Complaints have steadily increased in volume and have found expression not only in the mining congresses, but in the press of the mining communities, all the mining journals, in societies of mining engineers and, in fact, through every medium for the expression of public opinion.

"Up to the present time they have been without result for the reason that the mining laws are largely independent and it is difficult if not impossible to correct one fault without straightening out the entire code. I am convinced that a general revision was necessary. It is evident to all that the problems in such an undertaking are unusually difficult.

"It is evident that their satisfactory solution will require the aid of men of experience and judgment, together with a free and direct expression of views by the mining communities themselves. Being convinced of the absolute necessity of a change in our mining laws some years ago, I introduced a bill into the senate providing for a commission to codify and suggest amendments to the general mining laws.

"On December 7th of this year I introduced a bill for the same purpose. I have every confidence in the bill becoming a law at this session of congress. Do not allow any lack of harmony to prevent the ultimate success we are struggling for today.

"With united efforts I feel assured that it will not be many years until our mining laws will be codified and amended in such a manner that

the industry will go forward in the future with greater strides than it ever has in the past."

Looking After Coal Conditions

The commission appointed by President Wilson to investigate conditions in the coal fields of Colorado will start for Denver, December 26th, according to a letter received by Governor Carlson from New York. The letter states that it is desired to acquire first hand information on the working of Colorado's new industrial workers' compensation law and to investigate the operation of the Rockefeller industrial plan in the camps of the Colorado Fuel and Iron company, to formulate a final report to the president. Members of the commission are Seth Low, chairman, Charles W. May and Patrick Kilday. The commission was appointed shortly before the termination of the Colorado coal miners' strike about a year ago.

Dr. F. R. Thorne will make regular trips now to Huerfano and Montezuma offices at the present time is with Dr. J. E. Dowd. Dr. Thorne still makes his regular calls at Helper the 19th to 24th of each month.

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